

Samuel Houston to Andrew Jackson, February 17, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>SAM HOUSTON TO JACKSON.

Washington, Texas, February 17, 1844.

Dear General, I did not burn the letter of Mr. Walker, but return it to you with my sincere thanks. This I do with the more pleasure, as we both think alike in relation to yourself. I again tender to you the wishes and prayers of Mrs. Houston and myself. Mrs. H. and the little fellow are now in pleasant sleep, for it is late. I have been and, am yet busy in preparing for Mr. Millers departure tomorrow early. 1

1 Houston's letter introducing Miller is in the collection of the Chicago Hist. Soc. It is dated Feb. 17, 1844, and is as follows: " Dear General: This is intended to introduce to your kind attention my confidential secretary, Mr. W. D. Miller, who is on special business to Washington City. You will find Mr. Miller an interesting acquaintance, and able to answer any inquiries which you may present to him. He will visit you at the Hermitage but make his stay no longer than you may desire. His business will require some expedition." Printed in the Bulletin of the Society for June, 1922.

Ever thine truly

[Indorsement in Jackson's handwriting:] Mr. Butler arrived here on the 11th of month. I detained to answer, wrote by him to R. J. Walker and Major Lewis, and enclosed Genl. Houstons confidential letter to Mr. 0289 265 Walker, brought to his view that now was the golden moment. if not accepted, hard necessity may compell Texas for safety and

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defence to throw herself into the arms of G. Britain, the sad effect of such a horror to the U. States, etc. etc. A.J.